# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
# LOK SABHA

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CELLULAR MOBILE PHONE SERVICE IN KARNATAKA
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of districts having cellular/mobile telephone service in Karnataka at present, district-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide the said service in some more districts in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(d) the time by which said service is likely to be provided?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Sir, as per the information provided by Cellular Operators Association of India on behalf of cellular operators, the number of Districts having Cellular Mobile Telephone Service in Karnataka is 35 as per the details in Annexure.

(b) to (d): Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, a Government of India Undertaking has planned for wider introduction of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service in the country including the State of Karnataka. The plan envisages coverage of district headquarters in the State of Karnataka in the next financial year.

ANNEXURE

DISTRICTS COVERED WITH CELLULAR MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE IN KARNATAKA BY PRIVATE OPERATORS.

| Sl. No. | Name of Districts |
|---|---|
| 1 | Bangalore |
| 2 | Bhadravathi |
| 3 | Bellary |
| 4 | Bijapur |
| 5 | Bidar |
| 6 | Belgaum |
| 7 | Chikmangalur |
| 8 | Dharwad |
| 9 | Davangere |
| 10 | Gadag |
| 11 | Gulbarga |
| 12 | Gokak |
| 13 | Hospet |
| 14 | Hubli |
| 15 | Hassan |
| 16 | Kolar |
| 17 | Karwar |
| 18 | Mandya |
| 19 | Mangalore |
| 20 | Madikeri |
| 21 | Nippani |
| 22 | Raichur |
| 23 | Sagar |
| 24 | Shimoga |
| 25 | Sakleshpur |
| 26 | Tiptur |
| 27 | Tunkur |